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For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASE ACTIVITY, METHODS AND
COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATMENT OF VIRAL INFECTIONS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2002, having a three month shortened statutory period of response set to expire November 16, 2002. The following remarks and amendments are respectfully submitted.

In the Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims:

40. (Twice Amended) A method for inhibiting human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) replication in a patient harboring said HIV comprising administering to the patient a combination comprising:

at least one first compound exhibiting α_1 -antitrypsin (AAT) or AAT-like activity, wherein said compound exhibiting AAT-like activity is a natural or man-made molecule that, upon administration to a patient in need thereof, inhibits serine protease, with the exception that the first compound is not serine leukocyte protease inhibitor; and

at least one second compound selected from the group consisting of HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors and HIV protease inhibitors, for a time and under conditions effective to inhibit HIV replication.